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Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA :—"May I know what special crops they intend taking into consideration in this Bill regarding the establishment of markets?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—"Cotton, chillies, tobacco, etc."

Industries

Alleged decline of the weaving industry at Kudithini.

* 1505 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether Kudithini village of Bellary district was formerly a great centre for weaving cumblies (woollen blankets);

(b) whether the business is now steadily on the decline;

(c) whether it is a fact that the decline is due to the lack of enough grazing ground and other facilities for rearing sheep; and

(d) the number of sheep and goats in the village, according to the latest quinquennium statistics and each of the four previous quinquenniums?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) The Government have no information beyond that given in the report of the Special Officer on the Survey of Cottage Industries in Bellary.

			Number of	
			Goats.	Sheep.
(d) Latest quinquennial statistics		...	1,458	911
Quinquennium ending	1924	...	926	1,395
Do.	1919	...	627	678
Do.	1914	...	919	551
Do.	1909	...	Not available.	

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—"In view of the steady decline in the number of sheep and other animals necessary for the prosperity of this cumbli weaving, will the Government give facilities to the ryots to take their sheep to the forests near-by?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—"The number of sheep is not declining."

Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA :—"May I know, Sir, whether one of the forests near the village which was used by the shepherds of this village for a long time for grazing their sheep and goats was recently handed over to the Military Department?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—"Notice, Sir."

Utilization of bore-holes for irrigation purposes in the Bellary district.

* 1506 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state with reference to the answer to question No. 139, dated the 8th August 1929, whether the Government have demonstrated the possibility of the successful utilization of the bore-holes for irrigation purposes in the Bellary district?

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A.—Several ryots have been advised to sink wells round bore-holes put down by the Industries Department where there is a prospect of obtaining a sufficient supply of water for purposes of irrigation. In order to encourage well sinking, the Government have ordered that ryots should be granted loans under the Land Improvement Loans Act if they apply for them.

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" What is the Government's idea of a sufficient supply of water which would render well irrigation a success ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" The supply, as far as possible, sufficient for irrigation schemes to improve agriculture by growing millets, etc."

Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA :—" May I know whether in view of the fact that this idea of sinking wells round bore-holes is new and the ryots are not likely to take it up the Government will demonstrate by sinking one or two wells ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" It has been demonstrated to the public."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" By whom and when ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" By the Industries Department."

Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA :—" The hon. Minister is thinking of bore-holes. The question refers to wells round bore-holes."

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" I am sorry, I must ask for notice."

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

III—BILLS.

(1) A BILL TO AMEND THE MADRAS DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES ACT, 1920 (BILL NO. 12 OF 1929)

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I move that the Bill to amend the Madras District Municipalities Act, 1920, be passed into law."

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" I second it."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" As I notice that most of the amendments on paper are verbal, I think it will be for the convenience of the House if it is taken for granted that the amendments are all moved and seconded and if I once for all propose the question on the basis that they have been moved and seconded. After proposing the question I shall make a pause and if any hon. Member wants to have a debate the amendment may be debated upon. Instead of the Minister moving each amendment and my proposing it, I think it will be for the convenience of the House in this special case if I proposed the question straightway because we have to go through 120 amendments."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" I am only suggesting that it will be even more convenient to the House if the President will propose saying that it is a verbal amendment. I think it will facilitate matters."